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CITY IS HIT HARD

Order Prohibiting Manufacture of Beer After December 1 Will Probably Close All Saloons in Chicago

This Will Reduce City's Revenue Nine Millions of Dollars and It Is Now Four Millions Behind

One of the greatest problems that the city of Chicago has ever faced is before it now.

The order prohibiting the manufacture of beer after December 1 will probably put 7,000 saloons out of business. Each of them now pays a license fee to the city of \$1,000 per year.

With the different lines affected it is said the revenue of the city will be cut nine millions of dollars.

This deficit must be met in some way.

The city is in a bad way financially already, and at present Chicago needs more than \$4,000,000 to pull itself out of the hole, the worst financial predicament it is said, that the city government has ever known. Unpaid bills are piling up, there is only about \$500,000 left with which to pay salaries, and coal and oil dealers are threatening to shut off the city's credit. In addition the decree of President Wilson stopping the manufacture of beer beginning December 1 threatens to cut down the city's revenues all the way from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

While it is possible an arrangement may be made for borrowing enough money to keep the pay rolls going, it is asserted at the city hall that nothing less than legislative action will suffice to meet the emergency caused by the loss of saloon revenues. Important conferences are being held today, which, it is hoped by city officials will result in a plan of action. A special session of the city council may be necessary.

City Treasurer Clayton F. Smith suggested a plan whereby the loss of liquor receipts might be materially reduced. If saloonkeepers could take out their licenses month by month, it is said that there would be fewer saloons go out of business. If saloonkeepers must pay for an entire half year or close, city officials fear that many of them will refuse to take the license. A special meeting of the council and an ordinance providing for monthly payments on saloon licenses would be necessary.

Among those at the financial conferences were Comptroller Pike, John J. Sonstey, representing City Treasurer Smith, and Alderman Richert, chairman of the council finance committee. It was decided to send for Corporation Counsel Ettelson for a legal opinion as to whether the city can borrow any more money on tax anticipation warrants. Alderman Richert believes such action would be legal. The city already has borrowed \$9,000,000 on the tax anticipation warrants, and if the full 75 per cent of the tax levy is used as the borrowing basis, the city can still borrow \$2,050,000 more, which, with the money from the bankers, would be sufficient to tide the city over until next year, it is said.

How many saloons will go out of business because of the federal ban against the manufacture of beer cannot be determined by the city authorities until November 1. On that date holders of licenses must pay their

second six months' installment for licenses. There are 6,039 saloon licenses now in effect. How many of these will be dropped the authorities cannot estimate until the checks begin to arrive.

Deputy City Controller Loham declared the city's yearly revenue for the corporate fund from saloon and allied licenses is \$8,200,000 a year. All of this would be swept away if all saloons closed, he said.

Ald. John A. Richert, chairman of the finance committee; City Controller Pike, and City Treasurer Smith are expected to have a conference next week on the financial situation the city will face by a general closing of all saloons.

MUST SEEK SOME OTHER EMPLOYMENT

The annual gross income of the beer and liquor interests in Chicago is estimated at \$90,000,000. The two prohibition measures, it is predicted, will force 7,000 liquor retailers into other industries, and compel 14,000 bartenders, 6,000 waiters, 1,000 musicians, 4,500 brewery workers, 8,000 porters, and 6,000 miscellaneous workers in allied industries to seek other employment.

CANDIDATES MUST BUY BONDS

Men Who Are Patriotic Enough to Run for Office Must Subscribe for Liberty Loan.

Candidates for office in Cook County must show receipts this year for subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan.

The minimum for each office is as follows:

- Representative in the Legislature, \$1,000.
- State Senator, 4 years, \$2,000.
- County Commissioner, 4 years, \$4,000.
- President County Board, 4 years, \$5,000.
- Member of Congress, \$2,000.
- U. S. Senator, 6 years, \$6,000.
- Municipal Court Judges, 6 years, \$6,000.
- Sanitary District Trustees, 5 years, \$5,000.
- County Judge, \$5,000.
- County Clerk, \$5,000.
- Probate Judge, \$5,000.
- Clerk Probate Court, \$5,000.
- Clerk Criminal Court, \$5,000.
- Sheriff, \$15,000.
- County Treasurer, \$10,000.
- County Assessors, \$5,000.
- Board of Review, \$5,000.

STATE COUNCIL AUXILIARY

Complete organization of the Cook county auxiliary of the State Council of Defense was announced as follows:

Executive Committee—Samuel Insull, chairman; Walter N. Wilson, vice chairman; Lewis E. Myers, secretary; Burrige D. Butler, Robert E. Durham, Mrs. William S. Hefferan, B. J. Mullaney, Robert M. Sweitzer, E. J. Ward, Walter H. Wilson.

Co-ordination Committee—Robert M. Sweitzer, chairman; Lewis E. Myers, secretary; Thomas D. Knight, assistant secretary.

Finance Committee—Walter H. Wilson, chairman; Herman Waldeck, vice chairman; Lewis E. Myers, secretary.

Fuel Committee—Robert E. Dur-

ham, chairman; J. W. O'Leary, vice chairman; E. W. Lloyd, secretary.

License Committee—E. J. E. Ward, chairman; William A. Fox, vice chairman; J. H. Gluck, secretary.

Neighborhood Committee—Lewis E. Myers, chairman; George W. Per-

DEMOCRATS APATHETIC

Republicans Polled Ten Votes to Their One at the Primary Election.

Democrats showed great apathy at the primary throughout the State. The interest centered in the Republican fight for Senator.

The vote was approximately:

In the Whole State.
McCormick 180,000
Thompson 121,000
Foss 69,000

In Cook County.
McCormick 55,000
Thompson 71,000
Foss 15,000

Medill McCormick has won the Republican nomination for United States Senator by an indicated plurality in excess of 55,000 over Mayor William Hale Thompson.

Downstate it was a landslide for McCormick. Returns from more than one-half the 2,873 precincts outside Cook county indicate that he has carried the downstate regions by a plurality in the neighborhood of 75,000. From Cairo to Zion City it has been a clean sweep.

THE NEXT MAYOR

Close of the Fall Primary Battle Opens Up a Big Fight for Chief Executive of Chicago

Both Big Parties Have a Host of Candidates in Training and Fight Will be a Hot One

The close of the Fall primary battle brings the fight for the mayoralty to the front.

Both Democrats and Republicans, and every faction in each party, have a host of candidates who are anxious to get the nomination.

to the accompaniment of a negro soldier at the piano, all of them unconscious that thirty-five men had been killed in the engine room.

On landing it was found that all the passengers had escaped injury, although Senator Lewis was slightly indisposed as a consequence of his working with insufficient clothing among the wounded soldiers while a cold rain was falling.

LABOR MEN NAME PRESENT LEADERS FOR RE-ELECTION

President John Fitzpatrick and Secretary W. N. Rockwell of the Chicago Federation of Labor were renominated for their respective offices without opposition. The election will take place September 15. Other nominations follow:

Oscar F. Nelson of the post office clerks, vice president.

F. G. Hopp, financial secretary.

Thomas F. Kennedy, treasurer.

W. S. McClenathan, reading clerk.

C. A. Schroeder, sergeant at arms.

Executive board: John C. Minor.

Annie Fitzgerald of Women's Union.

Waitresses' union, J. A. Train, C. M.

Madsen, Timothy Meary, John Carroll, Charles Dold, Tobias Hellman.

Albert Peterson, C. A. Robinson.

James Loughbridge and John Kikulski.

Legislative committee: C. A. Penso.

Steve Sumner, V. A. Vance, Joseph Morton, Honore Jaxon, Wm. Boyen.

A. C. Anderson, John Meister, Mark Nelson.

Delegates to Illinois Federation of Labor: Gertrude Stoetzel, Anna Stange.

H. Hammond, William Queese, J. Harold, Ben Parker, George May.

James Brown, Dan Riordan, John Walters, C. M. Madsen and J. Ferris.

Finance committee: M. B. Phillip.

Gertrude Stoetzel, Elizabeth Maloney.

Delegates to American Federation of Labor: Emmett T. Flood, Barney Berlyn, R. G. Fetchill and John Mangen.

TO TAX TEA AND COFFEE

A dispatch from Washington says that the president's order stopping manufacture of beer after December 1 will cut \$400,000,000 a year from the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill now pending in the House. Revision of the bill and the addition of consumption taxes on coffee, tea, sugar and cocoa may be necessary in order to make up the deficit.

Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee made announcement to this effect in the House while explaining the revenue measure. He said that the committee in preparing the bill had figured on an estimated revenue from the increased tax of \$6 a barrel a total of \$240,000,000 for the twelve month period. The committee, he said, had carefully avoided the imposition of any "breakfast table" taxes, but now these probably will become necessary to supply the amount which would have been drawn from the beer tax.

Difficulties in the way of levying consumption taxes are very great, according to a compilation made by Representative Longworth of Ohio, a member of the committee. Even with the highest possible rates imposed upon the "breakfast table" now, more than \$251,215,000,000 could be raised, and this is nearly \$40,000,000 less than the amount which was to have been yielded by the beer tax. Mr. Longworth's estimates are as follows:

Coffee, 5c a pound..... \$ 65,000,000
Cocoa, 15c a pound..... 6,000,000
Tea, 20c a pound..... 20,000,000
Rubber, 10 per cent..... 19,000,000

Wool, 20 per cent (very high) 20,000,000
Hides, 15 per cent 32,000,000
Sugar, an extra cent a pound 53,000,000

Total \$215,000,000

These taxes would be collected on imports. To raise any more from the same sources a tax on retail sales would have to be imposed.

When asked how soon the increased beverage taxes would go into effect, Representative Kitchin said: "As soon as the Senate passes the bill."

"We hope it will be effective by November 1," he said. "We think it ought to be passed by October 15."

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Philip H. Gadsden, chairman of the national committee on public utility conditions, has endorsed the plea of the utilities that the president exercise his right to fix rates with a view to supply sufficient income to keep the utilities in efficient condition for war purposes.

He called attention to the fact that the unification of all industry in the interests of the war has served to bring out in bold relief how essential the public utilities are in maintaining the energies of the nation in the struggle.

"Upwards of 60 per cent of industrial or factory power is furnished by public utilities," says Mr. Gadsden. "The present supply is now unequal to the demand because of the speeding up of all industries on account of the war."

"It is stated that practically all of the high speed steel (the so-called electric steel) is now manufactured through the medium of electric furnaces which are largely operated with electricity furnished by public utilities."

"By reason of war orders, new industrial centers are being formed to house the army of new workers, thus making tremendous demands on present electric railway systems. Upwards of 80 per cent of the factory employees are now transported daily by the electric street and interurban railroads, these railroads moving approximately 20,000,000 passengers annually."

"The public utilities must be relied upon to furnish at least 20 per cent of the tonnage necessary for the prosecution of the war."

"They must furnish important short haul freight service to relieve the congested steam railroad conditions at terminals and industrial centers."

WATER METER GRAFT

The health and pocketbooks of the people are again menaced. The water meter promoters are at it again.

This time a section of the daily press is backing the scheme.

Water meters mean less water. Less water means poor health. Water meters are costly. They are unnecessary.

The man who proposes water meters at this time is a traitor to the public.

William O. Hawkins, manager for the big coal company of Richards & Sons, is one of the most popular and wide awake business men of the city. He is a leader in the trade and all who have had business dealings with him respect him.



JOHN P. HOPKINS, Secretary of the State Council of Defense and the Best Mayor Chicago Ever Had.

kins, vice chairman; Thomas D. Knight, secretary.

Publicity Committee—B. J. Mullaney, chairman; William H. Culver, secretary.

U. S. Boys Working Reserve Committee—Burrige D. Butler, chairman; Peter Fleming, secretary.

Woman's Committee—Mrs. William S. Hefferan, chairman; Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, vice chairman; Miss Emily Nalpierski, secretary.

Chester A. Phillips & Co., the well-known sales engineers, in the Old Colony Building, have a national reputation for efficiency and square dealing and no concern in the country furnishes better locomotives, steam shovels, excavators, locomotive cranes, railway cars, steel rails, railroad power, mining, shipbuilders and contractors equipment.

ADDISON BOULEVARD

Loud Demand That Finest East and West Street on North Side Be Made a Boulevard.

Addison street, the longest, widest and best street running east and west, north of the Chicago river, should be made a boulevard. It is free from street car tracks and is the only real boulevard street left and connects three park systems.

Former Alderman P. F. Haynes and City Treasurer Clayton F. Smith deserve thanks for the good work they are doing for Addison boulevard.

Tom Carey has been endorsed for Mayor by six Democratic Ward Organizations.

SENATOR LEWIS WILL IN PARIS

A Paris cable to the Associated Press says that Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Chicago, who was among the passengers of the torpedoed transport Mount Vernon, is suffering from a chill, resulting from exposure while carrying wounded men from their bunks.

Congressman Thomas D. Schall and Attorney John Cross of Providence, R. I., were among those on board. Mrs. Schall, the wife of the blind representative from Minnesota, led her husband up on deck and across the ship to their lifeboat. Both were calm and acted as though there was no peril.

The return of the damaged steamer to port was a joyous one. Wounded soldiers were singing patriotic songs

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